

President's Column

A Move to Dolores Street?

by David Stein

There is a two-story building on 16th and Dolores streets in The City that covers 9,000 square feet, more than three times the size of our Danvers Street building. It can be renovated to provide us with a sanctuary seating more than 250 people, five meeting/classrooms, a large rabbi's study, a library room, administrative, programming and educational offices. It is on three public transit lines, and it will be truly accessible to all. It could be the new synagogue for Sha'ar Zahav!



David Stein

The Va'ad has voted to recommend to our membership the purchase of the building. A congregational meeting is scheduled for 3 pm on Sunday, December 22, at 790 Dolores, the location of the proposed new synagogue, for discussion and decision-making. In the meantime, we have set aside seven occasions for members and friends to walk through

the building, ask questions and imagine the planned changes. By now, you will have been notified of the dates and times for these walk-throughs.

More than four years ago we began serious discussions about our Danvers building and the space crunch we were in. We reached consensus that our space needs could no longer be met by the Danvers Street property. Moreover, the building is not accessible and even making it wheelchair accessible, as the Americans With Disabilities Act and our commitment require, would entail major renovations. These and other concerns led us to establish a building search and feasibility committee to look for space and determine our needs.

We looked at several buildings, which not only were beyond our financial means but also needed seismic upgrades and other renovations. Dolores Street came on the market six weeks ago, and at its regular October 14 meeting, the Va'ad toured the property and immediately agreed that it was a real possibility for us. At a special Va'ad meeting on October 20, authorization was given to begin negotiations with the seller.

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CSZ Welcomes Interim Rabbi

After some months of searching, we are pleased to welcome Rabbi Martha Bergadine as our interim rabbi. Rabbi Bergadine has agreed to join us and to provide much needed rabbinic support during our search for a new rabbi. A 1996 graduate of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Ohio, she joins us after her family's relocation to San Francisco this summer.



Rabbi Martha Bergadine

Her most recent responsibilities before her move to the West Coast were as student rabbi at Congregation Shaarei Shalom in Columbus, Indiana. Rabbi Bergadine comes to us with an impressive list of life experiences, which include a graduate degree in advertising from Michigan State in 1984 and work in that field until 1991. Before attending rabbinical school, Rabbi Bergadine pursued an active synagogue life as a religious school teacher, camp counselor, Bar/Bat Mitzvah Tutor and HUC Intern. Life ultimately led her to choose the rabbinate as a second career. Her dedication, calm nature and focus are clear, and we are fortunate that she has agreed to join us.

Rabbi Bergadine will provide pastoral care to our members, officiate at life-cycle ceremonies, provide rabbinic support and guidance to our Bar and Bat Mitzvah students, and teach periodic adult education classes. She will initially hold office hours one morning and one afternoon a week at the synagogue. Contact the office for an appointment.

Please do your best to make Rabbi Bergadine welcome: seek her out at services, stop by and introduce yourself and let her know that she is a valued and welcome member of the Sha'ar Zahav family.



Our proposed new home. Photo by Alex Ingersoll.

A New Gate to the 21st Century?

As you will read in several places in this issue of the *Gaily Forward*, Sha'ar Zahav is in the process of negotiating for a new building. It is located at the corner of 16th and Dolores streets and its purchase will require not only the approval of the membership but a financial commitment as well: many serious issues are up for consideration.

Most members know that Sha'ar Zahav means Golden Gate. Although the name refers to the Gate in Jerusalem that traditional Jews believe the Messiah will ride through, we deemed it the most appropriate name for a synagogue in San Francisco with a special outreach to gay, lesbian and bisexual Jews.

We have been so successful in our outreach efforts and in the spirit and *minhag* of our congregation that we have outgrown our present building. Our Friday night services are filled to capacity, and as folding chairs are added to accommodate those attending, many of us glance nervously at the exit signs, lest there be a fire, earthquake, or other need for rapid exit.

It is difficult to talk to people we know in the jammed oneg room after services, let alone meet new members or visitors. Moving around is difficult and hearing what others are saying is sometimes impossible. Many who would like to be a part of our synagogue family cannot, because our current building is not accessible for those with physical disabilities.

Our Kadimah enrollment has outgrown the space available, and some classes must meet elsewhere. The tuition parents pay barely covers the salaries of teachers and minimal materials. The added burden of renting space would affect not only parents but the entire congregation.

Committee meetings and adult evening classes and events have to be carefully scheduled to assure sufficient space. Our administrative and program staff overflow the library, the rabbi's study and every corner where work can be done. These are hardly ideal circumstances for either morale or productivity. We do not really have a library, only another meeting room which happens to have books on the wall.

So as the 21st century approaches we
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Newsletter Committee To Enforce Its Own Deadline

Do you ever submit articles to the *Forward*? If so, please look at the box below the calendar on page 9 of this newsletter. Notice the right side, the deadline for articles. **We need you to adhere to this deadline.** Admittedly, we've been lax in enforcing it, but we're short-staffed, and we can no longer take materials after this date. If you submit late materials, no matter how important, they will not make it into that month's issue.

As always, we will make two exceptions: the minutes of the Va'ad meeting, and articles reporting on decisions made at the Va'ad meeting **that could not have been written in advance**, will be accepted until noon on Tuesday.

Remember—we need your submission on disk. Please send a floppy or e-mail your submission to the synagogue.

Thank you for your cooperation.

E-mail

The office has a new e-mail address:
shaarzahav@igc.apc.org

Notes from the Program Coordinator

by Renée Bauer

I want to wish everyone a happy Chanukah. Here is a brief update of upcoming programs/plans that I am working on.

- **Tu B'shevat** is coming up in January and I am:

- 1) helping the Environmental Action Committee in their preparation for their second annual Tu B'shevat seder.

- 2) gathering ideas for a tot Tu B'shevat program.

- 3) working with the JCC on a women's Tu B'shevat seder.

- **Sukkot in April** is a new community-wide program in partnership with Christmas in April. Christmas in April is a national organization that sponsors an annual day of community service on the last Saturday in April. The Jewish community is planning to put on a parallel event on the last Sunday of that month.

- **Rosh Chodesh** is the monthly celebration of the new moon, traditionally a women's festival. I hope to work with women in the congregation to start a Rosh Chodesh group.

Keep your eyes open for further announcements about these events. I am here to facilitate programs that you want to see happen. Please call the office if you are interested in learning more about these programs or if you have other program ideas.



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Building Process and Progress

by Tiela Chalmers

So you've heard the exciting news: we are working on buying a new building! Here are some of the details. By the time you read this we hope to be in contract on the building. This means Sha'ar Zahav and the owner of the building have agreed that, if various specified things happen as expected, we will buy the building at a particular price.

As with buying a house, however, there are several contingency periods before the sale becomes final. First, we have a chance to bring various inspectors through to ensure that the building is in good physical shape and to place a price tag on any repairs deemed necessary (other than the renovations we want to make). We have already brought an engineer through the building and feel relatively confident that there will be no big surprises, but of course we need to be sure.

We also have some time in which to line up our financing. Finally, we have to obtain a conditional use permit from the city, allowing us to use the premises for a synagogue. We anticipate that we will ultimately be able to obtain such a permit, but it takes time and work.

The timing of this is a little unclear as we go to press, but here is our best guess: The first contingency period, in which the contractors do their inspections, will be 21 days, and so will probably go into early or mid-December. We have an additional period in which to obtain fi-

ancing. We will probably have until early May to obtain the conditional use permit. The purchase will close, and become final, 60 to 90 days thereafter — possibly in early July or August.

The building is in great shape as it is, but we envision some significant renovation work, which will take perhaps three months. Thus, we would not move into our new building until perhaps October or November of 1997.

We would, of course, need to sell our current building, much as we love it. We feel quite confident that we will be able to do this in a timely fashion. Of course, we must not sell it until the Dolores Street purchase becomes final.

The sale is not final until all of the contingencies are removed. Because our bylaws require congregational approval for the purchase of real estate, and because we would not want to buy a building without the enthusiastic support of our membership, we will hold a congregational meeting on December 22 to vote on the purchase.

And so we come to your part in this exciting adventure. You may have questions or concerns or ideas; you certainly will want to check out this fabulous new building. You should have received a letter already, inviting you to come to one of many open houses we will be conducting in the next few weeks. (If you did not get a letter, or lost yours, call the office for the updated schedule of open houses.) Make sure you come to

one! This is your big chance to poke around the new building, and ask as many questions as you want. We will have written information and people there who can answer your questions.

Then, be sure to come to the congregational meeting on December 22. We hope to be making congregational history at that meeting; it will also be a chance to ask more questions and to share your excitement with your community.

There will, of course, be another significant opportunity for you to be involved. In order to buy this building we will need to raise \$1 million. This sounds like a lot, and it is, but I promise you, it is actually a very reasonable figure for a new building. Our fundraising experts tell us we can raise this amount — but we will need everyone to pitch in. Not just because we need everyone to help in order to raise the money, but because this is an opportunity to build our community, literally and figuratively. This will not be a building purchased by a few rich people and some building assessments. This will be a building bought by a loving community, working together. Every one of us will be asked to give, each according to our own abilities. And everyone's contribution will count

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Kadimah Update

Here is just a quick update of the activities of Kadimah, our CSZ religious school. The weekly sessions have been running very smoothly. Our fifth and sixth grade class, Rishonim, has been divided into two different Hebrew levels, with Sandrine Hahn, the Rishonim teacher, teaching the lower level and Tamar Malino, the Director of Education, teaching the upper level.

The Kadimah staff has instituted a prayer service at 11:30 on Shabbat mornings, which is co-led by Tamar and individual teachers. Parents are invited to attend this service.

We have also scheduled a family program for Chanukah, which will take place from 9:30 to noon on Saturday, December 7. Parents and children will gather for what promises to be a fun, exciting and challenging day. If any CSZ member has questions or comments concerning Kadimah activities, please contact Tamar Malino at the office.



Sukkot at Camp Swig. Photo by Carrie Costello.

President

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Many members immediately volunteered to participate in the project. Tiela Chalmers will coordinate the entire project. Ellie Cohen and a number of other members volunteered to coordinate fundraising. Mark Klaiman, Ron Wilmot and Alice Prussin are coordinating renovation plans and costs. Treasurer Leah Wolf and others are exploring financing options. Sharyn Saslafsky and our *Gaily Forward* committee, with an assist from Renée Bauer, are handling internal and community-wide public relations. Deborah Udin and Ron Wilmot are working hard together as our realtors.

You, too, can help. Call the office to volunteer, and Tiela will get in touch with you! The Va'ad has established a capital campaign fund with a million-dollar goal. Each of us will be contacted personally about our commitment and pledge to the effort.

Moses was instructed to start a fundraising campaign to build the first portable Tabernacle in the desert. All women and men were instructed to donate from their personal holdings, whether they could give rubies and emeralds or blue wool or grain.

Some of us were part of the first campaign to buy Danvers Street. We felt nothing could match the excitement and meaningfulness of that enterprise in our synagogue life. The congregation then numbered 110. We now have more than 500 members to build anew. At the new members' potluck in November, we looked at the Dolores building. Two people there said aloud: "I am so happy to be joining now, because I can be like a founder of CSZ, I can help buy this building!"

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Richard was an extraordinary person whose sense of wonder, energy and zest for life touched all who knew him.

Richard put his whole being into everything he set his mind to, approaching life with zeal and exuberance. After studies in biochemistry, history and literature, he became a physician. When his interests took him to health policy, he moved to the Bay Area and earned a law degree at Berkeley, later returning to primary care as an anesthesiologist.

Richard valued his friendships above all else. He was always ready to help others, to talk and listen to their hopes and problems, to enjoy life together with those he loved.

After Richard retired from medicine, he traveled widely and then created a special refuge for his friends, himself and of course his beloved bull terrier, Moray, in the mountains of northwest Sonoma County. He created an organic orchard and a vineyard, leaving the remainder of the land as a sanctuary for native wildlife and plants.

Sha'ar Zahav was his spiritual home and the mountains west of Lake Sonoma were his muse, a place of beauty and tranquility, a haven from his struggle with HIV.

Richard is missed every day by those who loved him and cared for him. May his memory be for a blessing and an everlasting source of inspiration.

Condolences

We extend our condolences to members who have suffered recent deaths:

Dev Felder Noily, on the death of her friend, Mario Savio.

Bob Gordon, on the death of his grandmother, Elizabeth Gordon.

Julie LaPore, on the death of her father, Lawrence LaPore.

Claire Rappoport, on the death of her friend, Craig Economy.

The Nacamulli family, on the death of their cousin, Gabby Cosi.

Members' Yahrzeits

18	David Glassberg
20	Norman David Kramer
21	Walter Palmer
29	Allan Craig

Thanks for Food

More than 1,300 pounds of high-quality foodstuffs were donated by CSZ members to Project Open Hand during the high holidays.

In thanking the congregation, Open Hand's Kristine Jayne said its staff is learning more about what food products "are most beneficial for people with AIDS to consume" and noted that "the congregation's attention to our clients' specific food needs is refreshing and truly heartfelt."

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Onegs

These generous people sponsored the Oneg Shabbat in November:

11/15 **Bikkur Cholim Committee**, to celebrate the completion and distribution of the new *A House in Order* manual.

Oral History Project Committee Forming

The CSZ Oral History Project is moving into high gear. The project's goal is to document our synagogue history through the recollections of members and then to preserve it in some usable form.

A committee is now forming to design and carry out the scope and mechanics of the project. If you have an interest in planning the project, being trained to do interviews, or helping out with transcriptions or archiving, we need your help.

For more information, please contact Rob Tat (861-2350).

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Sarita Groisser

Adam Harris

Patricia Y.C.E. Lin

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

Bikkur Cholim Lectures

The Bikkur Cholim Committee will present a broad-ranging series of topics in a new hour-long lecture series to be held approximately every two months after the oneg in the sanctuary at CSZ. No advance registration is required, but those interested should mark their calendars for the following dates:

- January 24: "Honor Thy Partner," presented by Michael Bettinger.
- March 14: "Critical Illness & Support," presented by Rabbi Eric Weiss.
- May 9: "Bridging the Gap—Diversity," presented by Diana Buchbinder.
- July 11: "Relating to the Elderly," presented by Sherie Koshover.

The committee is looking for other topics of broad interest to present during the year. If you have a topic to suggest, or one you wish to present, please contact David Shaber at the office.

HIV+ Support Group

CSZ has ongoing support services for members living with HIV/AIDS and their families and partners on the third Saturday of every month. The next support group, facilitated by Rob Tat, is Saturday, December 21, at 3 pm. Mark your calendars.

If you have any questions, or would like to put your name on our confidential mailing list, please call Amy Clark at the office (861-6932). Join us.



Sukkot at Camp Swig. Photo by Carrie Costello.

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Naches

Michael Chertok, on being selected as a Freeman Fellow by the Korea Society.

Leslie Katz, on being elected to the Board of Supervisors.

Eileen Levy and Jeanette Nichols, on purchasing their first home together.

Ellen Lewin, editor of the new book of original essays *Inventing Lesbian Cultures in America*, which has been published by Beacon Press.

Carol Migden, on her election to the State Assembly.

Colette Patt and her partner Jennifer Lorvick, on the birth of their daughter Rae Clara Lorvick-Patt.

Carolyn Reiser and Karren Shorofsky, on the birth of Julia Reiser Shorofsky.

Drew Parker and Mike Siani, on their new home.

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Birthdays

- 2 Elizabeth Kassoff
- 3 Sophie Macks
- 3 Suzanne Bojdak
- 4 Maxine Epstein
- 6 Karen Fierer
- 6 Daniel Alpert
- 6 Amy Todor
- 7 Irina Prussin
- 7 Debbi Jacobs-Levine
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- 31 Sam Thal

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Building

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equally, since we need every single one, and because it is not just money we are raising, it is our spirits, and our sense of community and pride in who we are, and who we can become. So we will be calling every one of you, and we know we can count on you to rise to the occasion, and do your best.

Finally, there is a lot of work to do. Are you interested in financing? architecture? decoration? logistics? public relations? not sure where you fit in but you want to help? Call me (Tiela 431-4312), or call the office: we'd love to have your help.

This is a scary, and a work-filled, and a poignant time; but most of all, it is a thrilling time. It is a time when we can all help found the congregation anew. Many of us were not here 19 years ago when our synagogue was founded. Many of us were not here when we bought our lovely little building on Danvers Street 12 years ago. Now, we can each be a part of that moving and transformative experience we have heard others speak of: the beginning of a new era. We look forward to linking arms and singing Oseh Shalom together in our new home.

Gate

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need a new Gate, a new synagogue, and after months of searching it seems likely that we have found appropriate space. Be sure to participate in the process of making the decisions ahead of us. They involve not only all of us, but those who will follow as well.

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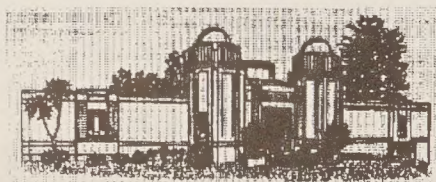
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Dues, Susan Gelmis
East Bay Services, Larry Wexler
Endowment Fund, Richard Inlander
Environmental Action, Barak Gale and

Brian Besser
Finance, Leah Wolf
Fine Arts, Alice Prussin
Fundraising, open
Gift Shop, Jeff Rubin
Infant-Toddler Chavurah, open
Leadership Development, Irene Ogus and Paul Cohen
Library, Claire Rappoport
Long-Range Planning, Allan Gold
Membership, Steve Levine and Ami Zusman
Newsletter, by committee
Oneg, Allan Giannini
Past Presidents Council, Merry Luskin
Personnel, Diana Buchbinder
Pre-school Chavurah, Nancy Meyer
Public Relations, Sharyn Saslatsky
Rabbi Search, Robin Leonard and Allan Gold
Ritual, Ora Prochovnick
Social Action, Eloise Magenheimer
UAHC National Liaison, Mike Rankin
UAHC Regional Liaison, Robin Leonard
Volunteer Coordinator, open
WGLJO Liaison, Neil Grungras
Women's Chavurah, open

Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.

Office Hours: Monday–Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. Please call the synagogue office (861-6932).

Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations.

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second

Saturday of each month at 10 am — check calendar for each month.

Gift Shop Hours: Fridays, 7:30–8:05 pm.

Library Hours: Open during office hours, and 30 minutes before and after Friday night services.

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DECEMBER

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1 Sunday 20 Kislev	9 Monday 28 Kislev • 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting	17 Tuesday 7 Tevet • 6:30 pm, Swig Retreat planning meeting • 7 pm, Membership Committee meeting	26 Thursday 16 Tevet • 6:30 pm, Ritual Committee
2 Monday 21 Kislev • 6 pm, Healing service • 7:30 pm, Fundraising meeting	10 Tuesday 29 Kislev	18 Wednesday 8 Tevet	27 Friday 17 Tevet • 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Vayehi led by Larry Wexler
3 Tuesday 22 Kislev	11 Wednesday 1 Tevet • 7 pm, Intro to Prayerbook Hebrew • 7 pm, Newsletter editing	19 Thursday 9 Tevet • 7 pm, Bikkur Cholim • 7 pm, Klezmer Band rehearsal	28 Saturday 18 Tevet • No Kadimah
4 Wednesday 23 Kislev • 7 pm, Intro to Prayerbook Hebrew	12 Thursday 2 Tevet Chanukah 8th Candle	20 Friday 10 Tevet • 8:15 pm, East Bay service • 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Vayigash led by Brian Besser and Eileen Levy	29 Sunday 19 Tevet
5 Thursday 24 Kislev Chanukah 1st Candle • 7 pm, Klezmer Band rehearsal	13 Friday 3 Tevet • 7:15 pm, Niggun service • 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Miketz led by Dev Noily, Tiela Chalmers and Greer Hauptman	21 Saturday 11 Tevet • No Kadimah • 3 pm, HIV Support Group • 3 pm, Torah study class	30 Monday 20 Tevet • 7 pm, Newsletter distribution
6 Friday 25 Kislev Chanukah • 7 pm, Early Kabbalat Shabbat and candle lighting led by Martha Rosett and Larry Wexler • 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Vayeshev led by Neil Grungras and Brian Besser	14 Saturday 4 Tevet • 9:30 am, Kadimah & B'nai Mitzvah • 10 am, Shabbat service led by Frank Yellin	22 Sunday 12 Tevet • 3 pm, Congregational meeting	31 Tuesday 21 Tevet
7 Saturday 26 Kislev • 9:30 am, Kadimah Family Chanukah Celebration all classes • CSZ Chanukah at Home	15 Sunday 5 Tevet	23 Monday 13 Tevet	1 Wednesday 22 Tevet New Year's Day • Office closed
8 Sunday 27 Kislev • CSZ Chanukah at Home	16 Monday 6 Tevet • 6 pm, Healing service • 6:30 pm, Children's Ed Board in oneg room • 7 pm, Newsletter layout	24 Tuesday 14 Tevet	2 Thursday 23 Tevet
		25 Wednesday 15 Tevet	3 Friday 24 Tevet • 7 pm, Early Kabbalat Shabbat • 8:15 pm, Shabbat service
			4 Saturday 25 Tevet • 9:30 am, Kadimah: Ch, Ri, B-M • 10 am, Kadimah: Ha

Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.

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FOR ADVERTISING MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

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